



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Managers' Meeting
TO BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY

The Village Hall remains closed to the public as a result of the COVID-19 health emergency.

Please call our 24-hour Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 should you need assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

All activities and classes have been canceled through the end of June. Please enroll in the Village's blast email network for the latest information and updates regarding Village operations.

**July 2020 Appeal/Variance
Deadline: Mon., June 22 by 5:00 PM**

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website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

VILLAGE OPERATIONS CONTINUE DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC ACCESS CLOSURE

While the Village Hall has remained closed to the public since March 14 due to COVID-19, most Village operations have continued with limited impacts. Police and Communications personnel have continued to work 24/7. Public Works personnel is working a staggered schedule with half of the department's personnel working Mondays and Wednesdays and the other half working Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Public Works Department is closed on Fridays. All Village personnel are taking steps to ensure their safety by maintaining social distancing, wearing face masks and gloves (when appropriate) and limiting interaction with the public.

All administrative personnel remain in a telework status and have continued contract management, permit review and issuance, code enforcement, accounts payable, utility coordination, etc. Staff has also continued to publish

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HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION OF GLASS RECYCLING HAS RESUMED

The Village's contractor has reestablished a glass recycling system at its processing facility, thereby enabling households from which they collect to once again include glass along with other recycled materials such as paper, plastic and cardboard. Please ensure that all materials are clean and remain dry to prevent cross-contamination.

We thank residents for your patience during the interruption of service and for your efforts bringing glass recyclables to the Hall for transfer by our Public Works staff to the county's facility.

Collection of glass at the Hall has been discontinued. Glass recycling should no longer be brought to the Village Hall for disposal.

The Village provides rear door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to prune back shrubbery and vegetation from the area.

Contact the Communications Center if either refuse or recycling were not collected. Please visit the Village website under Services, Refuse & Recycling to view the current list of acceptable recyclable materials and guidelines for single-stream recycling.

RESIDENT DIRECTORY PRINTING POSTPONED TO 2021; RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT UPDATES FOR DATABASE

After thorough consideration, we have decided to forego a 2020 printing of the Resident Directory. While we know that many residents look forward to receiving this annual publication filled with lots of useful information in addition to updated household listings, we are not able to produce an updated directory due to the operations impacts resulting from COVID-19. We look forward to producing a new and improved directory, featuring an updated Village history section, in 2021.

In the interim, we encourage residents to submit updates so we can maintain current household information in our database. If you have moved into the Village or made any changes to your household listing including contact phone numbers or email addresses, please download the Resident Directory Update Form at the below link. Completed forms may be submitted by email to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov, dropped off in the box on the porch at the Village Hall or faxed to 301-907-9721.

<https://www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov/DocumentCenter/View/128/Resident-Directory-Update-Form->

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL BLAST(S)



Now more than ever, it is critical for all Village residents to subscribe to the Village's email blasts. Since the beginning of the local health crisis, staff has circulated a weekly email containing information regarding Village and, where appropriate, county and state-level developments.

The Village operates two email distribution lists to deliver information to residents:

Urgent News Blast are emergency alerts that are sent only on an as-needed basis. Alerts include water main breaks, power outages, operations closures and public safety alerts.

General News Blast, which are geared toward community events, Board Meetings, etc. will be sent out weekly.

To subscribe, visit www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov and click **Notify Me** on the homepage (look for the image at the top).

Sign-up for the Village Email Blasts and encourage your neighbors to do the same!

CANCELED SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Due to the continued local impact of COVID-19, we have decided to cancel our summer community events:

- July 4 Parade & Party at the Large Oliver St. Park
- National Night Out in Newlands Park

This difficult decision was made to limit the opportunities for local transmission of the virus given that these events are typically attended by a broad spectrum of the community. We join local communities that have also taken steps to limit large gatherings over the summer.

No decisions have yet been made regarding events currently scheduled for the fall.



GRASS HEIGHT REGULATIONS

It's spring and everyone's grass is looking its best--and growing at astounding rates! Reminder that **grass may not exceed ten inches in height** and residents are responsible for maintenance of the grass both on their private property and in the abutting public right-of-way.

If you need assistance with this chore consider employing a Village teen. A list of teens available to provide yard work services is listed on page 7 of this and each month's issue of the *Crier*.

WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT

In addition to its telephone call-in number and website information, Pepco has introduced a mobile app which provides updates to keep customers informed during a storm. Users can report outages, view outage maps, pay bills and access other services.

Visit pepco.com/mobileapp to download the mobile app.

Pepco has also added a new feature that allows customers to report a live outage by text via their mobile device. Registered Pepco customers can text "Out" to "48710". Customers must first text "ADD OUTAGE" to "48710" from a phone linked to their account to sign up for the text service.

If a severe storm hits, Pepco follows a strategic response plan to restore service to the greatest number of customers first and will work to restore all service as quickly and safely as possible. Customers are asked to immediately report a downed wire or service issue by calling 1-877-PEPCO-62 (877-737-2662), visiting pepco.com or through the new mobile app and text option.

our monthly newsletter and are maintaining content on the Village website as well as circulating updates via our general and urgent e-mail blasts. All administrative personnel remain accessible by email. Residents who need to speak with a staffer by phone may email the staffer and request a call back or call the Village Hall and leave a message to be returned by the staffer. Email addresses for the administrative staff are provided below for ease of reference:

General Information, Hall Rentals, Website Access, Resident Directory, Crier, etc.

Ruby Brown, Administrative & Constituent Services Assistant - ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov

Permitting, Code Enforcement and Plan Review

Jessica Gebhart, Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator – ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov

Contracts, Public Rights-of-Way, Parks and Other Public Spaces, Utility Coordination

Ellen Sands, Director of Municipal Operations – ellen.sands@montgomerycountymd.gov

Finance and Accounting

Demetri Protos, Finance Director – demetri.protos@montgomerycountymd.gov

As always, residents may also feel free to contact Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook at shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Village management along with our municipal, county and state government counterparts are evaluating how and when to safely reopen in-office operations, while maintaining our staff's and the public's health and safety. As we all adjust to a new normal, we anticipate a gradual reopening with ongoing reassessments of local health data and county health department direction.

For now, public health guidance recommends that those who can telework should continue to do so. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding Village operations, please email ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

SEASONAL REMINDER: NOISE REGULATIONS

Residents are reminded that use of lawn mowers, leaf blowers and other power landscape equipment is **prohibited** between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. weekdays, and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on holidays and weekends.

Blowers remain subject to Montgomery County's Noise Ordinance, which applies within the Village. The county's Noise Ordinance states that "a person must **not** sell, buy, offer for sale, or **use a leaf blower** at any time **that has an average sound level exceeding 70 dBA at a distance of 50 feet.**" Additionally, the simultaneous use of multiple leaf blowers that are compliant with the 70 dBA limit can create noise of a sufficient level to qualify as a violation and/or noise disturbance.



If a blower seems loud, it may be in violation. Contact the Village Communications Center to request a Village officer respond to confirm the unit(s) product information and to measure the decibel level using the Village's calibrated meter. First time violators will receive a warning. Residents are encouraged to discuss this restriction with your yard maintenance crews before they begin working this spring.

To view the Montgomery County Noise Ordinance and the provisions pertaining to leaf blowers (Section 31B-9), visit:
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep/resources/files/downloads/compliance/noise-control-ordinance.pdf>

Lastly, residents are reminded that the Village's ban on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers will go into effect on January 1, 2022. The Village Board approved the ban last December citing the adverse environmental, human health (principally for the equipment operator) and quality of life impacts resulting from the use of gas-powered leaf blowers. These impacts were highlighted in a report from the Village Environment & Energy Committee, dated August 15, 2019, which can be viewed on the committee's page on the Village website.

BOARD ACTIONS:

MAY 11, 2020 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Special Permit and Variance Requests:

A-7703 (Variance) 5914 Cedar Parkway

Construct a pergola, a portion of which would encroach one foot, six inches (1'-6") into the required seven (7) foot side (north) yard setback for structures. The proposed pergola would measure eleven feet, four inches (11'-4") in height - *approved*

Matters for Board Discussion and Possible Adoption

Refuse & Recycling Collection - *approved initial three-year contract award, rear yard, twice weekly refuse collection, once weekly recycling collection with Goode Companies, Inc.*

Consulting Landscape Architect Design Services - *approved third of three one-year extension options with Lila Fendrick Landscape Architecture & Garden Design.*

Commission & Committee Matters

Tree Ordinance Board: Board appointment of Susan Kirby (East Lenox Street) as Chair, term exp. 4/2021, Aaron Kramer (West Irving Street) for a 3-year term as a member, Laura Billings (Kirkside Drive) for a 1-year term as an alternate, and Kate O'Scannlain (Grove Street) for a 2-year term as an alternate - *approved*.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, or to listen to audio recordings of the most recent Board Meetings, please visit the Village website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on "Board of Managers Meetings" under the header "Quick Links" on the homepage.

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: This meeting will be held virtually with members of the Board of Managers, staff and the public participating by phone or video. Access information for this meeting will be posted to the Village website and included in the weekly blast email on June 5.

TREE OF THE MONTH:

MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA

Commonly known as Southern Magnolia since it is native to the southeastern U. S., it is evergreen and grown for its shiny,



leathery green leaves and fragrant white flowers. It is the state tree of Mississippi and grows as far north as coastal areas of New Jersey.

Typically, it has a single trunk and a pyramidal shape. After flowering

in late spring to early summer, it produces large reddish fruit which are enjoyed by squirrels. Many specimens can be seen here in Chevy Chase Village.

*Brought to you by the
Village's Parks & Greenspaces Committee*

CENSUS 2020; THE RACE TO 100%

COMMUNITY RESPONSE:

VILLAGE RESPONSE RATE ABOVE 80%

Thank you to the OVER three quarters of the community that have responded to the census! If you have not already responded and you are looking to kill some time during the stay at home order: spend a few minutes responding to the 2020 Census!

In March, homes across the country received invitations to complete the 2020 Decennial Census. One member of each household may respond in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. As of late May the Village's response rate was over 83%. If you have not already done so, take a few minutes to help the Village reach 100%!



For more information, visit www.2020census.gov.

THE POLICE BEAT

E-mail Police Chief John M. Fitzgerald: john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov

BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR VACATION...



Assuming that the state's stay-at-home orders are relaxed soon (as of this writing, they are still in place), if you will be away from home for more than twenty-four hours, contact the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to arrange for a house check. House check

requests can also be submitted via the Village's website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov. (click on "Police Services" under the "Police" tab.)

For added security, the Police Department recommends having mail held at the Post Office by completing PS Form 8076. In addition, if you expect a package from either UPS or FedEx, please leave a neighbor's address with the Communications Center so they may receive your packages.

The summertime volume of packages and mail received in the Communications Center often exceeds the limited space available. Your assistance is appreciated!

STAY ALERT!

SCHOOLS ARE OUT ALREADY

COVID-19 canceled the school year early this year, and with warm weather upon us and relaxed orders expected from the Governor, please be mindful of children riding bicycles and playing outside.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

WATER SAFETY FOR KIDS

Remember to keep a sharp eye on your children when they are near a pool or any other body of water.

According to the CDC, every day about ten people die from unintentional drowning (non-boating related) in the United States.

Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger. That means that over 700 children 14 or younger drown each year in the U.S. Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional death in the United States.



PET ID PROGRAM

In late 2000, the Village Police Department began its Pet ID Program. To participate, residents simply submit a photograph and short bio of their pet. When a stray pet is found, Communications staff will review the Pet ID files to reunite the pet with its family.



The Pet ID Program only works if your pet's information is included

in our pet album. If you have not already done so, please go to www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov and complete the Pet ID Program enrollment form provided under the "Forms" menu for ALL of the pets in your home (including dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, etc.).

Pets that cannot be identified are turned over to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter. Digital photos can be emailed to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

For more information regarding the Pet ID Program, contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.

NOTE: *If you joined our Pet ID Program a while ago you may want to update your pet's information. You can send any updates to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov*

MOVING? EXPECTING A LARGE TRUCK DELIVERY?

Residents are encouraged to contact the Communications Center to have temporary 'No Parking' signs installed in front of their home when moving in/out of the Village or when expecting a large truck delivery.

We will post signs at least one day prior to the move or delivery date as a courtesy to notify neighbors that the parking spaces are needed to accommodate a large truck for a specified period of time.



COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

As all of you know, our beautiful Village Hall remains closed to the community. Because of this, all of the events that I had planned for Seniors have been postponed until the war on this terrible virus has been won.

I continue to miss you, and am thinking of you.

All of our programs are brought to you in cooperation with Chevy Chase@Home and Chevy Chase Village. We welcome suggestions for future events. E-mail me at bettyoconnor2@verizon.net or call 301-656-0597.

Peace and Love to All,
Betty O'Connor,
Chair, Committee for Seniors

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED: MAY 2020

5609 Grove Street - Two story rear addition, screened porch
139 Hesketh Street - Flagstone patio and stepping stone path
5511 Park Street - Single story rear addition
30 West Kirke Street - Arbor, drywell and lamppost
11 East Lenox Street - Two drywells in rear yard
111 East Melrose Street - Rebuild existing and new additions
5514 Grove Street - 4' high lattice screening around a/c units
112 Grafton Street - 3 air conditioners in rear of property
29 West Irving Street - Rear patio and flagstone steppers

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

If you are thinking of installing a generator, starting a renovation, constructing an addition, beginning a landscape or storm water management project or any other exterior home improvement projects, please contact the Village office to determine what permits may be required. There are County and Village building regulations that may apply.

Contact the Village office at: (301) 654-7300 or ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov.

When in doubt, reach out!



MAINTAINING RIGHTS-OF-WAYS

Spring is *finally* here and that means shrubs and plantings are set to bloom. Take a walk around your property...are all of the public sidewalks surrounding your property clear of low-hanging branches, overgrown bushes and vines? Is the grass in the right-of-way and tree box area mowed and maintained at less than ten inches in height? Does any shrubbery block sight lines for vehicles?

Be a considerate neighbor (and comply with the Village Code) by mowing the grass and pruning back any overgrowth that interferes with pedestrian use of the sidewalks abutting your property. Clearing these obstacles will continue to make the Village pedestrian, stroller, and bicycle friendly and safe for all.

FOLLOW CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!!

<https://www.facebook.com/CCVillage>

<https://twitter.com/chevychasevill>



THE COLLECTION: MINOR SITE PLAN AMENDMENTS APPROVED

During its hearing on May 21, the Planning Board approved site plan amendments at *The Collection Chevy Chase* to allow for a reduction in public use space, increased private dining space and associated hardscape and landscape modifications, reallocation of retail and restaurant square footage and parking adjustments in support of increased restaurant activity. To view the Planning Staff report, plans and associated materials, visit <https://montgomeryplanning.org/development/> and search for application nos. **82001021H** and **82001013F**.



Bringing MVA Services to You

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on

Tuesday, June 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: The bus will be canceled if MVA remains closed.

For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit

www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov

VILLAGE TEENS

Village teens are available for a variety of services. Please email the Village office at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov to add a teen to the list and to make changes.

List available in the print version that is mailed to residents.

MONTGOMERY PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The Montgomery Planning Department sends a weekly eNewsletter, called InfoShare, so residents can stay informed regarding matters under consideration by the Montgomery County Planning Board and its staff. The newsletter is circulated by email every Friday. To sign-up visit:

<http://montgomeryplanning.org/media-center/eletters>

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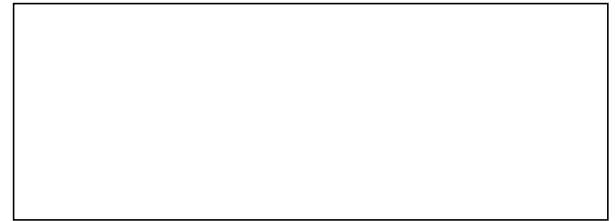
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Shana R. Davis-Cook



HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Collection will not be impacted during the
week of June 28 through July 4,
because the holiday falls on a Saturday.

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION; SPECIAL PICK-UPS

Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. Please contact the Village office to provide your feedback.

The Village provides rear door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to contact the Communications Center if either your refuse or recycling were not collected.

Special Pickups of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or through the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

JOIN THE CREW; THE COMPOST CREW

Food-waste recycling--otherwise known as "composting" is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint and greenhouse emissions while returning nutrients to our soil and food system. The Village has partnered with The Compost Crew to provide low-cost household collection of food-waste.

The Compost Crew provides each household with an airtight bin and compostable bags; all you have to do is separate your organic waste and leave the bin by your trash and recycling receptacles for collection on the designated day for weekly pick-up. The collected waste is processed at a composting facility in Maryland and, after six months of service, households can request that a portion of your contributed waste be returned in the form of rich, finished nutrient-rich soil.

For more information including current rates, visit the "Food Waste Recycling Program" page on the Village website under Quick Links on the homepage. The more households that participate, the cheaper the service is for all, so sign up today!

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Administrative office and Public Works Department will be **closed** on **Friday, July 3** in observance of Independence Day. The Communications Center and Police Department remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.